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BISHOP ANNOUNCES GRANT TO FLANDERS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters Attended Grant Workshop Hosted by Congressman

Flanders, NY: Congressman Tim Bishop today announced a \$54,000 federal grant for the Flanders Fire Department. The funding will be given as a one-year grant to help fund fire operations and fire safety. In February, Flanders firefighters attended a grant workshop run by Bishop.

“Firefighters have always put their lives on the line to protect our communities,” Bishop said. “Since September 11th, we have placed additional burdens on our first responders as they are the first line of defense for our homeland security. I am glad we are able to give the Flanders Fire Department additional resources to face those burdens.”

The grant was given as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This year, funding for this program was more than doubled to \$750 million, a significant boost from the \$360 million in funding available the previous year. The funding is available, the current Fiscal Year began on October 1.

Bishop commended the Flanders Fire Department for going the extra mile to help their community. Representatives from the department attended a grant meeting Bishop held during a snowstorm in February.

“Flanders should be proud to be protected by dedicated firefighters who will go the extra mile,” Bishop said. “As we go into the next fiscal year, I will hold more grant workshops to help our firefighters get the resources to protect our families.”

The grants are awarded on a competitive basis to the applicants that most closely address the program's priorities and demonstrate financial need. Funding is available for activities such as hiring additional firefighting personnel; specialized emergency response training for situations like terrorist attacks; the creation of wellness and fitness programs for firefighters; equipment and facility upgrades; and fire prevention programs.

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